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In re Application of
Bunyan, et al.
Application No. 09/714,680
Filed: November 16, 2000
Title: CONFORMAL THERMAL INTERFACE
MATERIAL FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 2, 2002 (Certificate of Mailing dated June 24, 2002), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the non-final Office action mailed November 1, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. On April 29, 2002 (Certificate of Mailing dated April 18, 2002), applicant filed an amendment and attempted to obtain a three month extension in order to make the amendment timely. However, applicant's deposit account lacked sufficient funds for the three month extension of time. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on February 2, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 19, 2002.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). Petitioner paid the petition fee and made the proper statement of unintentional delay. The required reply (the amendment) was previously filed on April 29, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, an extension of time must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum period obtainable for reply to avoid abandonment. Accordingly, since the \$920 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on July 2, 2002 was subsequent to the maximum period obtainable for reply (May 1, 2002), this fee has been refunded to petitioner's Deposit Account No. 16-0325.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1700 for consideration of petitioner's amendment, filed April 29, 2002.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0272.

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